IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA

WRIT PETITION NO. 467 OF 2006

SHANTILAL KHUSHALDAS AND BROS.PVT.LTD. AND ANR., ...Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF GOA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY(MINES) AND ANR., ...Respondents

Mr. M.S. Sonak,Advocate for the Petitioners.
Shri S.S. Kantak, AG with Ms.G. Bhonsule, Aga for R.1.
Shri Joseph S. Vaz Addl. Cen. Govt. Standing Counsel For R-2

Coram:- DR. S. RADHAKRISHNAN & N. A. BRITTO, JJ.

Date:- 17th October, 2006

P.C.:

Heard the learned Counsel for the petitioners, the learned Advocate General for the Respondent No.1 and Mr. J. Vaz for the respondent No.2.

Rule. Rule made returnable forthwith.

By consent taken up for hearing. Learned Counsel for the petitioners seeks a very short relief that their representation dated 25th September, 2006 made to the Respondent No.1 may be considered on its own merits and in accordance with law. In view thereof, we direct the State Government to consider the representation of the Petitioners dated 25th September, 2006 on its own merits in accordance with law and as early as possible, preferably within a period of 16 weeks from the date of receipt of the Order. The State Government to consider the same on its own merits without being influenced by the earlier order. However, it is also made clear that the issues which are raised in the petition are kept open.

Rule is made absolute in terms of the above order.

DR. S. RADHAKRISHNAN, J.

N. A. BRITTO, J.

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